DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGJune 18, 2014

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Ed Nelson, Darrell Pollesch and Gerald Adelmeyer. Annette Thompson was excused.

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Department Head and Community Development Educator; Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Elise Gonzalez, Dairy & Livstock Agent and Jim Mielke, County Administrator.

SET MEETING TIME AND DATE: The Committee decided to hold their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 8:30am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve minutes for May 14 and May 20, 2014 meetings. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Nelson reported to the committee that he is registered and going to the WACEC conference being held in Eau Claire, WI on June 23-24, 2014.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Approved by Behl, the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for May 2014.
- b. Discussion and consideration of the Dodge County UW-Extension Agricultural Agent, crops and soils emphasis, hiring process.
 - 1. Jeff Hoffman reported the posting closed on June 10, 2014. Have between 15-20 applicants. Will meet Monday to screen candidates. Final crops/soils interviews on July 17, 2014 in Dodge County.
- c. Discussion and consideration about of the Dodge County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent hiring process.
 - 1. Jeff Hoffman reported that preliminary interviews will be held on June 30th. There are six candidates invited to the preliminary interviews. It's a strong pool. Committee requested there should be no more than four total candidates for the final interviews. Final interviews are scheduled for July 16, 2014 in Dodge County.
- d. Update on the hiring of a Wisconsin Nutrition Education Educator.
 - 1. Pattie Carroll reported that Amanda Hilliard will be starting as of July 1, 2014. She is coming from Lutheran Social Services; Becky & Pattie have both worked with her through Lutheran Social Services as Amanda was the Service Coordinator there. She is very well experienced and she will be doing Community Education/Nutrition for both Dodge & Columbia counties as it's a shared position.

- e. Discussion and consideration of the June WACEC Convention.
 - 1. Hoffman, Nelson and Behl are all registered and attending the WACEC Convention being held on June 23-24, 2014.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

<u>Hoffman:</u> Hoffman shared information about the recent professional development opportunity he attended. In addition, he talked about a farm succession workshop that Dodge, Washington, and Fond du lac counties will be holding in December.

<u>Carroll:</u> Carroll reported on the evaluation process of the eParenting® pilot project she is working on in partnership with Dodgeland school district. The written report will be available at the next committee meeting. Carroll also reported on the progress being made with the Wisconsin Cares/Dodge County Cares project. Carroll applied for and received a grant which includes technical assistance and guidance from university professors from UW Wisconsin School of Human Ecology. This is truly an example of bringing university resources to our community.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, July 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Behl to adjourn at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

Allen Behl, Chairman